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1. Stralsund

- a. Work on the Volkswerft has been completed, and on 10 October 1949 the first lugger (largest type) built in its entirety at the Volkswerft was launched.
- b. The smallest type of fishing cutter is now constructed with a length of 19 meters, rather than the 17 meters formerly used. The Russians have received approximately 300 of these cutters and the Germans 30. The Germans are scheduled to receive 70 more by the end of 1949. Each cutter is equipped with sonar apparatus and telephonic equipment.
- c. As of 2 October 1949, six ex-German K-boats were bunkered at Stralsund, where coal supplies are maintained for bunkering Soviet fleet units.
- d. A Soviet tugboat, the ex-German Casper, regularly picks up KFK-boats from Stralsund and tows them to Königsberg.

2. Sassnitz

- 25X1      a. New oil tanks are being built in the city. On 28-29 September [ ] excavations for tank sites. Each hole could accommodate a tank approximately 8 meters in diameter and 12 meters long.
- 25X1      b. A salvage unit of the Soviet Navy has a base in Sassnitz. There is a barracks ship and six large salvage ships including the ex-German Norden (1200 hp, 16 knots). At present the unit is at work salvaging the ex-German Hamburg, lying approximately five miles east of the harbor, and an ex-German Z-destroyer lying about three miles east-southeast of the harbor.

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3. Peenemünde

- a. During the period 1-15 October many military transport trains under Soviet guard arrived in Peenemünde, where there is reportedly much building in progress.

25X1 b. [redacted] approximately 100 twin-engine aircraft at the airfield in Peenemünde on 2 October.

4. Rügen

- a. Passenger inspection over the Rügendam is under the control of the German police and is very strict, except for train traffic. All roads leading to Binz KDF (Kraft durch Freude) Badeort are blocked. The resort has been converted into a large Volkspolizei camp.

25X1 b. At Arkona [redacted] a rotating radar antenna situated on a rooftop approximately 85 meters above sealevel.

25X1 c. Last April between Dornbusch and Arkona informant observed a Soviet tugboat towing a pointed cylindrical object approximately 40 meters long. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] An antenna-like projection about three meters high was located towards the after end of the cylinder. Suddenly the cylinder shot forward like a torpedo at 30-40 knot speed, creating a great deal of foam. The cylinder overtook the tugboat almost instantly and quickly

25X1 disappeared beyond [redacted] line of vision. [redacted] the cylinder was radio-controlled.

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